# Faith & the Parable of the Blindfold

A fun, biblical adventure to find, keep, and test your faith through symbolism

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# **How It Works!**

Biblical Encore

Fun Facts, Fellowship, Scripture Index, and More!

Each and every Christian Parable offers "what we like to call "a biblical encore." It provides its very own lesson plan for an even more interactive Bible study.

# With this Parable, you can

- •Offer symbolism and other hidden facts.
- •Create an Instant Replay of its story scenes for traditional bible study
- •Use the scriptures as story clues before solving its mystery ending
- •Interact with the story character through their Christian Challenges (in Chapter 4)

# Also in this book:

- •A Scripture Index for quick reference
- •A Family Skit version of this parable

# **Going Even Further:**

Get free Presentation Tips when sharing to an audience on our site by <u>clicking here</u>. These tips are also available in all full length books of the Christian Parables Series.

Also included with this Parable are the following:

## **Fun Facts**

Because these mystery-laced parables are animated by scripture, there are incredible confirmations and gospel combinations to enjoy! Have fun sharing these hidden dues with your listeners which cause *The Thirsty Cup* to "runneth over!"

# **Discussion Questions**

The word "quest" is right in "question!" After sharing a *Christian Parable*, ask the questions each one will offer after the end. Go past the charm school qualities of a silent student. This is fellowship!

If you remember *The Parable of the Hidden Smile* in the first *Christian Parables* book, a Hide-n-Seek champion was thrilled to be found! In all fairness, he wasn't found as much as he was rescued by ...an innocent question!

# Character Interaction

Once again, some of the characters have their own challenges for you off the pages!

# **Scripture Index**

Be advised that the Scripture Index featured after the Family Skits are listed in "story order," rather than in alphabetical order like the original Christian Parables book. However the Scripture Index featured in the last chapter is still listed alphabetically as before.

# The Parable of The Blindfold

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"Hi!" a hospital clerk greets Thomas as he arrives inside, "can I help you sir?"

"Good morning! I'm Thomas Walker and have an appointment with Doctor Powers."

"Sure! Please follow me to the office."

Thomas continues to look around ensuring he's not noticed by anyone from his town.

"Good morning," the new Doctor walks inside, "is it Thomas Walker?"

"Dr. Powers," Thomas says shaking her hand. "Thanks for agreeing see me."

"My pleasure (II Corinthians 1:24). But we're on a first name basis her. Please just call me Faith.

"You got it! Faith, I heard about you through my friend Christian. She tells me you're the best!"

"Well it's actually a team effort," Faith smiles. "Let's make it your turn to feel better! How can I help?"

"Well my skin type is extremely sensitive to sunlight. And I live in a desert, with no real way to block it! Until I can afford to move, I've been using a medicated *4-Leaf-Clover Cream* to lessen the effects."

"Wow," Faith says, "someone must have to really 'lay it on thick!"

"Yeah, my original doctor does. It helps a little, but it's really expensive! And she insists it's the only way! So I guess I'm here for a second opinion."

"Sure," Faith replies, "let's run some tests and I think I can help you with that."

Much to the surprise of Thomas, Faith actually begins by checking his blood pressure.

"Oh this is good news!" Faith says, "Thomas I'm happy to offer you a cheaper and better alternative. Based on these tests, your condition actually needs physical therapy, not medicated creams. And, if you like, we can begin right now!"

"Absolutely!"

"So let's head to my operating room. And, for this to work, I'll need to blindfold you first (<u>Hebrews 11:1</u>). Then I'll take your hand and lead you inside a machine where you'll vary your speeds when I tell you to. Are you ready?"

Although unsure how this will help, Thomas submits. Faith begins her unique procedure.

Time passes by unnoticed as Thomas awakes from a deep sleep. And he finds himself somehow back inside his bed at home! But before he can call this whole experience a dream, he notices a doctor's note signed by Faith (Romans 10:17). But as he holds it up to the window to read it, no sunlight shines through. In fact there's no heat to be felt either! Puzzled, Thomas turns on a lamp. And he immediately notices his incredibly smooth, cooled, healthy skin.

"Oh my!" Thomas drops the letter and runs to his mirror. He looks completely revitalized and renewed. But along with his image reflection, he sees a new, giant object outside his window. Turning around, Thomas finally realizes what has happened: somehow a mountain has moved to block the sunlight from the house, forever protecting his skin condition (<u>II Timothy 4:7</u>).

After hours of pinching himself and crying tears of joy, Thomas returns to Faith's note: 'Keep the rest of these mustard seeds, Thomas. Doctor's orders!'

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"Hello?" Thomas answers.

"Good afternoon! I'm Katelyn with the *Good News Team*, preparing you in advance that we'll be doing a story on the mirade in your town. Did you by chance witness any of while it was happening? Could we interview you?"

"I did not witness it. But I think I know how it happened! Please come over."

Moments later the doorbell rings.

"Coming!" Thomas yells while adjusting his best tie. He tried calling Faith, but couldn't reach her. He retrieve the business card that started it all. And as he arrives, he opens his door to another memory.

"Oh...Lady Luck." Thomas reacts, "I didn't know you made house calls! I appreciate it but right now's not a good t... (I Corinthians 16:13)"

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

#### I John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.

# **Family Skit Version**

The Parable of the Blindfold

A patient sneaks to another doctor for a second option

Characters

**Thomas**: the health-seeking desert dweller in the midst of competing philosophies.

Lady Luck: the aggressive and controversial doctor of the desert with Thomas as a patient (debuts in Part 2)

**Secretary**: the clerical professional awaiting Thomas.

**Doctor Powers**: the new, more distant, and highly recommended doctor sought after by Thomas.

Narrator: Presenter and Symbolism Host

Props Needed: telephone, map, business card, doctor's note, picture, and car visual)

Setting

A home bedroom. Later a separate doctor's clinic and office.

# Script

Begin

# Thomas:

(sits on his bed and holds a telephone to his ear)

# Narrator:

Thomas tilts with his telephone in the early morning, preparing to leave a message.

# Thomas:

Yes hello... I'm a patient at *The Lucky Ones Clinic*. And I need to cancel my appointment today with my doctor, Lad Luck. Something came up (<u>Psalms 118:8</u>). But I have enough of your *4-leaf Clover Cream* to last me until we can reschedule. Thanks! Bye.

(drops phone, picks up the map, and stares at it)

### Narrator:

Thomas drops the phone next to a map he is still starring at, along with a business card he kept (Proverbs 3:5), matching the addresses (Proverbs 3:6).

### Thomas:

(leaves to his car as the Narrator continues)

#### Narrator:

And practically tip-toeing to his car, Thomas proceeds out of town to the new destination.

## Thomas:

(arrives and walks inside the Doctor's office)

## Secretary:

(sits at her desk smiling at Thomas)

Hi... can I help you sir?

#### Thomas:

Good morning! I'm Thomas Walker and have an appointment with Doctor Powers.

# Secretary:

Sure! Please follow me to the office.

(leads Thomas to the doctor's office)

### Thomas:

(walks with the secretary and looks around cautiously)

# Narrator:

Thomas continues to look around ensuring he's not noticed by anyone from his town.

# **Doctor Powers:**

(walks inside the doctor's office)

Good morning... is it Thomas Walker?

# Thomas:

Oh, Dr. Powers...

(shakes her hand)

Thanks for agreeing to see me.

## **Doctor Powers:**

My pleasure (II Corinthians 1:24). But we're on a first name basis here. Please just call me Faith.

#### Thomas:

You got it! Well Faith... I heard about you through my friend Christian. She tell me you're the best!

### **Doctor Powers:**

Well... (pauses 2 seconds) it's actually a team effort. Let's make it YOUR turn to feel better! How can I help?

#### Thomas:

Well my skin type is extremely sensitive to sunlight. And I live in a desert, with no real way to block it! Until I can afford to move, I've been using a medicated *4-Leaf-Clover Cream* to lessen the effects.

(shows her a cream bottle)

#### Dr. Powers:

(examines the bottle)

Wow ... someone must have to really 'lay it on thick!'

#### Thomas:

Yeah, my original doctor does. It helps a little, but it's really expensive! And she insists it's the only way! So I guess I'm here for a second opinion.

#### **Doctor Powers:**

Sure. Let's run some test and I think I can help you with that.

(motions checking Thomas arm like checking for blood pressure)

## Narrator:

Much to the surprise of Thomas, Faith actually begins by checking his blood pressure.

# **Doctor Powers:**

Oh this is good news!

(motions checking levels on a screen)

Thomas I'm happy to offer you a cheaper and better alternative. Based on these tests, your condition actually needs physical therapy, no medicated creams. And, if you like, we can begin right now!

### Thomas:

Absolutely!

### **Doctor Powers:**

So let's head to my operating room. And, for this to work, I'll need to blindfold you first (<u>Hebrews 11:1</u>). Then I'll take your hand and lead you inside a machine where you'll vary your speeds when I tell you to. Are you ready?

## Narrator:

Although unsure how this will help, Thomas submits. And Faith begins her unique procedure.

[END OF SCENE]

[SCENE 2]

#### Thomas:

(slowly wakes up in his bedroom)

## Narrator:

Time passes by unnoticed as Thomas awakes from a deep sleep. And he finds himself somehow back inside his bed at home!

### Thomas:

(discovers a note on his bed, picks it up as Narrator continues)

### Narrator:

But before he can call this whole experience a dream, he notices a doctor's note signed by Faith (Romans 10:17). But as he holds it up to the window to read it, no sunlight shines through. In fact there's no heat to be felt either!

#### Thomas:

(gets up, turns on a lamp, and stares at his skin surprised as the Narrator continues)

#### Narrator:

Puzzled, Thomas turns on a lamp. And he immediately notices his incredibly smooth, cooled healthy skin.

# Thomas:

Oh my!

(unknowingly drops the letter, runs to mirror, and stares inside)

### Narrator:

Thomas drops the letter and runs to his mirror. He looks completely revitalized and renewed. But along with his image reflection, he sees a new, giant object outside his window.

# Thomas:

(tums around quickly and puts his hand over his own mouth)

# Narrator:

Turning around, Thomas finally realizes what has happened: somehow a mountain has moved to block the sunlight from the house, forever protecting his skin condition (II Timothy 4:7)

#### Thomas:

(jumping and cheering)

#### Narrator:

After hours of pinching himself and crying tears of joy, Thomas returns to Faith's note.

#### Thomas:

(picks the doctor's note up again to read it)

#### Narrator:

It reads: 'Keep the rest of these mustard seeds, Thomas. Doctor's orders!'

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Thomas: (opens his door and become surprised)
Oh Lady Luck!
Lady Luck: (stands at the door, pets her rabbit's foot, and appears angry)
Thomas:

I didn't know you made house calls! I appreciate it and hey... nice rabbit's foot you got there. But right now's not a good t... (I Corinthians 16:13)

# Lady Luck:

(interrupts)

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(walks inside)

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